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Dear Friend:

The Bureau of Land Management is continuing its efforts to develop a land use plan for the public land we administer. We are also responding to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 which calls for public participation in land use planning and other aspects of land management.

The BLM planning system is a process utilizing these main components: information, guidance and decisions. Presently, we are in the information gathering stage and would like to know your concerns and desires for the management of the resources within the four planning units. This will include public meetings, citizen workshops, and the submission of written comments and suggestions.

Additional information concerning the four planning units in the Eugene District may be obtained at the following address.

Bureau of Land Management
Eugene District Office
1255 Pearl Street
Eugene, OR 97401

Please send your comments to the Eugene District Office and if you know of other persons or organizations who would like to participate in the planning process, please let me know. We will be glad to talk with you about your interests and concerns.

If you would like to continue receiving information concerning the planning units, please return the enclosed response sheet.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight H. Patton

District Manager

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A Brief Description of
The Bureau of Land Management and
The Eugene District

The Eugene District contains 316,000 acres which are mingled with private, state and other federal ownership. Situated in Central Western Oregon it measures 60 miles north to south and 85 miles east to west. It includes a portion of Benton, Douglas, Linn, and Lane County. The Eugene District extends from the Coast Range to the beginning of the Cascade Range.

Most of the District's public lands are forested and have been historically managed for timber production under the sustained yield concept. Other resources include land, water, minerals, livestock forage, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities. All resources are to be inventoried and considered during the planning process in keeping with the Bureau's program to manage its lands on the basis of multiple use.

The District is divided, for management purposes, into four planning units shown below in tabular form:

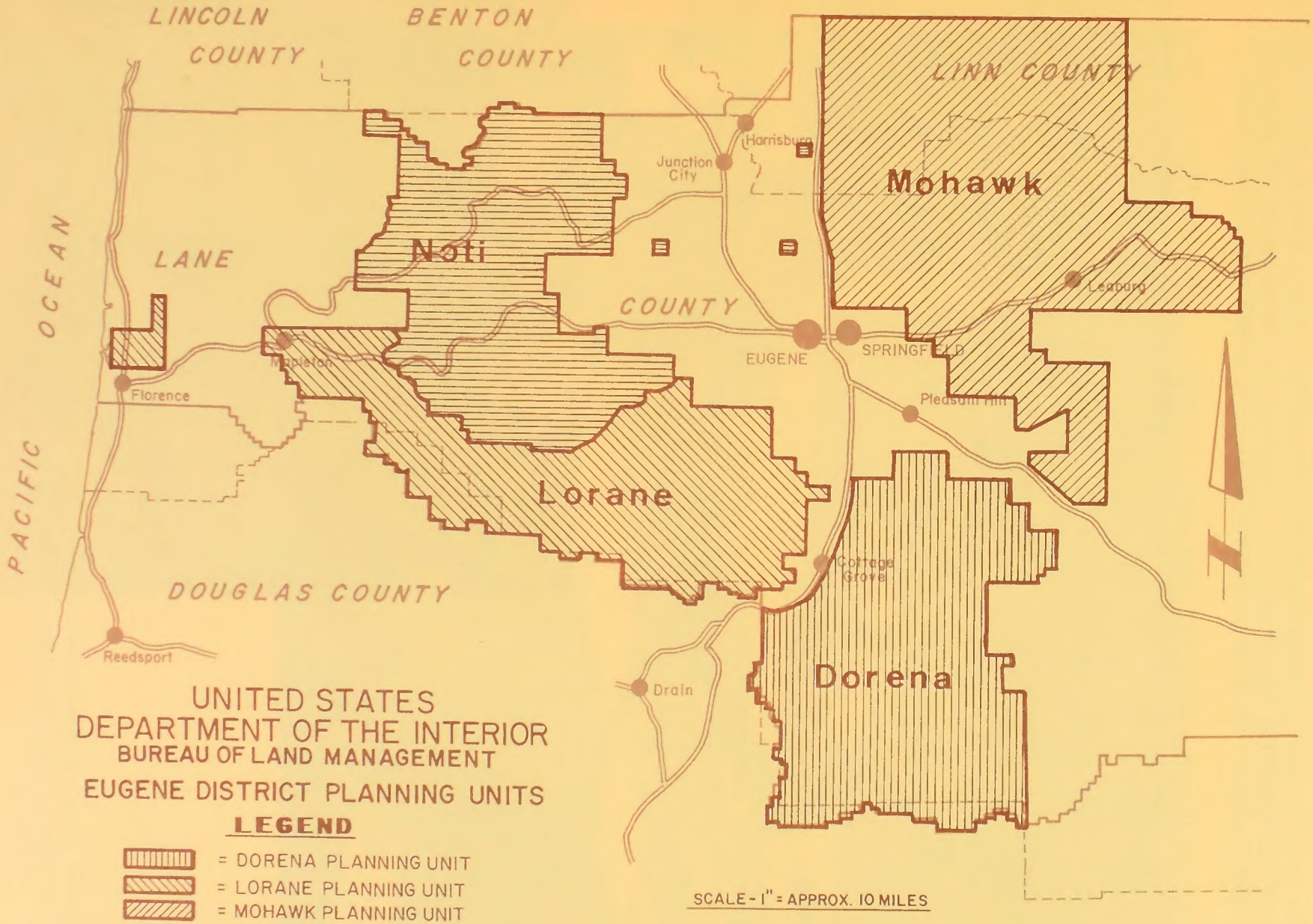
Planning Unit	BLM Acreage
Mohawk	76,000
Dorena	80,000
Noti	86,000
Lorane	74,000
	316,000

Dwight L. Patton, the District Manager, is in charge of these public lands. He is assisted by a staff of about 150 employees and an additional 10 temporary employees during the summer months. The annual payroll is approximately $2,000,000.00. The annual budget is currently about $4,500,000.00.

One of the District's principal activities is the harvesting of an allowable cut of 219 million board feet of timber. Receipts for timber sales amounted to $42,253,000 in fiscal year 1977.

Eighteen Western Oregon counties received a major share of the Bureau's revenues in Oregon. In fiscal year 1977, they received a payment of $106,045,000. A portion of this payment went to Linn, Lane, Benton and Douglas Counties.

The District has begun to reinventory the resource programs on our lands - really your lands. Information will be gathered to determine potential for these programs since this information will be used in the next step of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) planning system.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NATURAL RESOURCES

Please look at the information we have attached. There is a brief summary of each of the Planning Units which we think may be of interest to you. It includes certain issues and concerns that we believe may be important.

To make decisions concerning land uses, we need to have available as much pertinent information as possible. Your participation is a key to obtaining this information.

It must be understood that sometimes the resource programs are in conflict. For example, the harvest of an old-growth Douglas-fir stand may have severe consequence on certain wildlife species dependent on such habitat. Decisions will have to be made, based on the best available information, on which resource will prevail in these situations on certain of these lands.

The resource programs to be given consideration in the planning process follow:

Lands

This program involves right-of-way grants for such uses as timber haul roads and public highways, water pipelines, and power and telephone lines. It also considers the disposition of the more scattered public lands and the acquisition of road and trail rights-of-way providing access to public lands.

Forest Products

Sustained yield forestry is practiced on the Eugene District. This means that forest lands will continue to produce timber forever. Currently, 219,000,000 board feet are harvested annually. A strong forest development program backs up timber harvest keeping the clearcuts reforested and young stands thinned.

Range

There are eight grazing leases which cover approximately 5% of the land in the district. Grazing is mainly incidental and supplemental to private livestock operations.

Minerals

The mineral resources in the Eugene District consists mainly of hard rock for road construction. However, since 1976 leases have been granted for oil and gas exploration on much of the land in the district. Applications have also been received for leasing of additional acres for this purpose.

Watershed

Soil and stream protection on BLM lands is a major item in the layout of timber sales and the resultant road construction and logging methods. Requirements in timber sale contracts call for buffer strips, creek clearing, log suspension systems and hauling of road waste material. Stabilization of disturbed areas is also done to protect the watersheds. Highest protection is given to streams which have the most value for fish habitat and drainage used for domestic water supplies.

Wildlife

Over 300 species of wildlife, including two threatened (northern spotted owl and bald eagle) and several game species are present on BLM lands in Lane County. The overall goal of district biologists is to insure the continuance of self-sustaining populations of all species by maintaining the full range of habitats in amounts needed by such populations. Biologists' recommendations are considered by the District Manager during the planning stage of all field projects.

Recreation

Opportunities for outdoor recreation abound on BLM lands. These include picnicking, camping, hunting, fishing, nature study and many other activities. There are seven recreation sites that are developed to varying standards. Many roads provide the opportunity for a Sunday afternoon drive. Included in this program is scenery protection and enhancement, as well as protection of valuable historical and archeological evidence.

INFORMATION SHEET

MOHAWK PLANNING UNIT

Location:

This planning unit is located in the Northeast portion of the Eugene District (see map) and is bounded on the west by I-5, north by Highway 20, south by Highway 58 and east by the Willamette National Forest.

Statistics:

There are 415,000 acres of land within the boundary of this unit of which 76,000 acres (18%) are public lands.

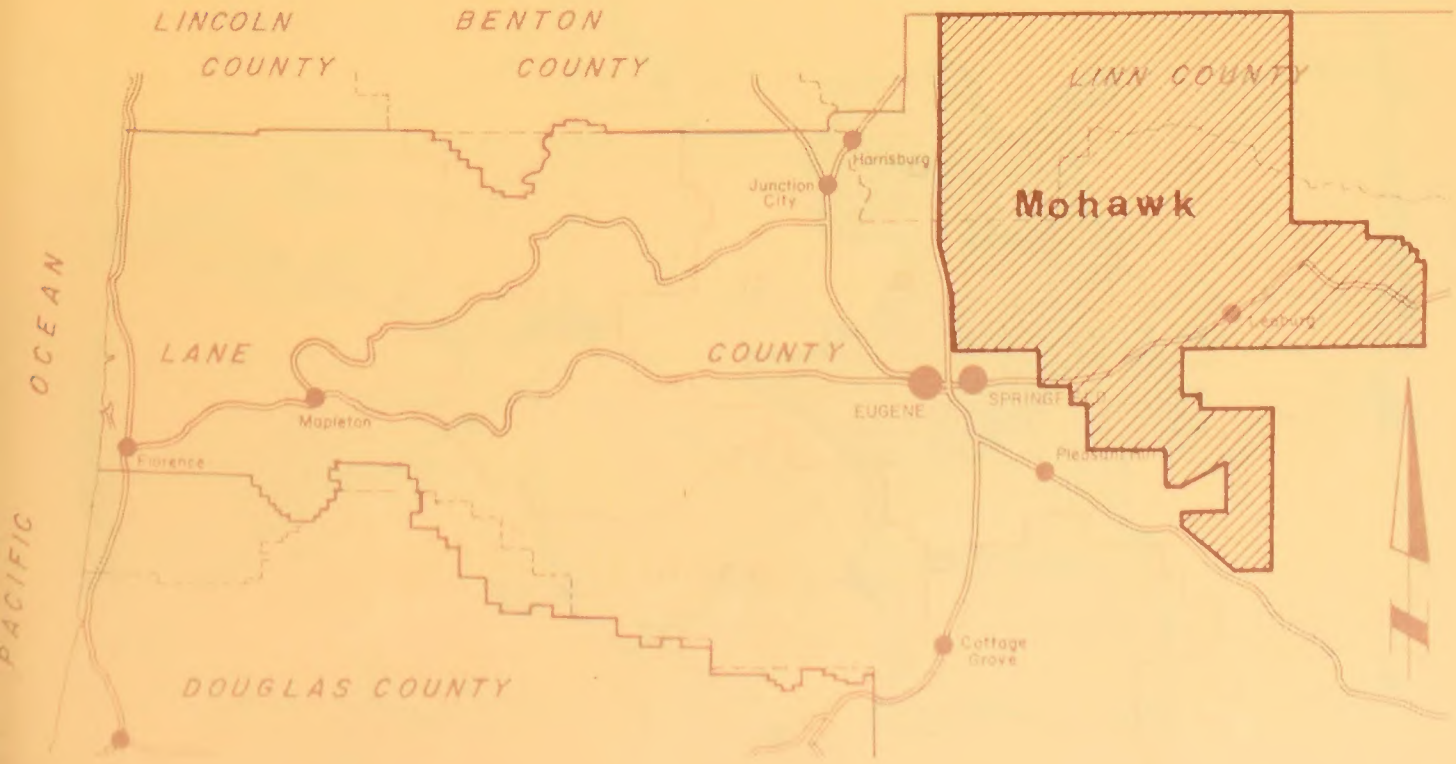
Resource Highlights:

- The only BLM operated recreation site in the unit (Shotgun) accommodated approximately 58,000 day use recreation visitors in 1977, the first full year in operation. Opportunities for hunting, fishing and sightseeing are also good. The Coburg Hills offer one of the most popular off-road vehicle use areas in Lane County.

- 71,300 acres of commercial forest land provide 44 million bd. ft. of timber each year.

- 185 developed access roads extend over 308 miles.

- Approximately 1400 acres of cutover land have been planted each year.



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NOTI PLANNING UNIT

The Noti Planning Unit is located in the Northwest portion of the District and is bounded on the north by the Salem District boundary which is mostly the Benton County line, on the west by the Siuslaw National Forest, on the south by Stony Point, Timber Ridge and the Siuslaw River and on the east by farm land extending north from Fern Ridge Reservoir.

Statistics:

Within the boundary of the unit there are 232,000 acres of which 86,000 acres (37%) are public lands.

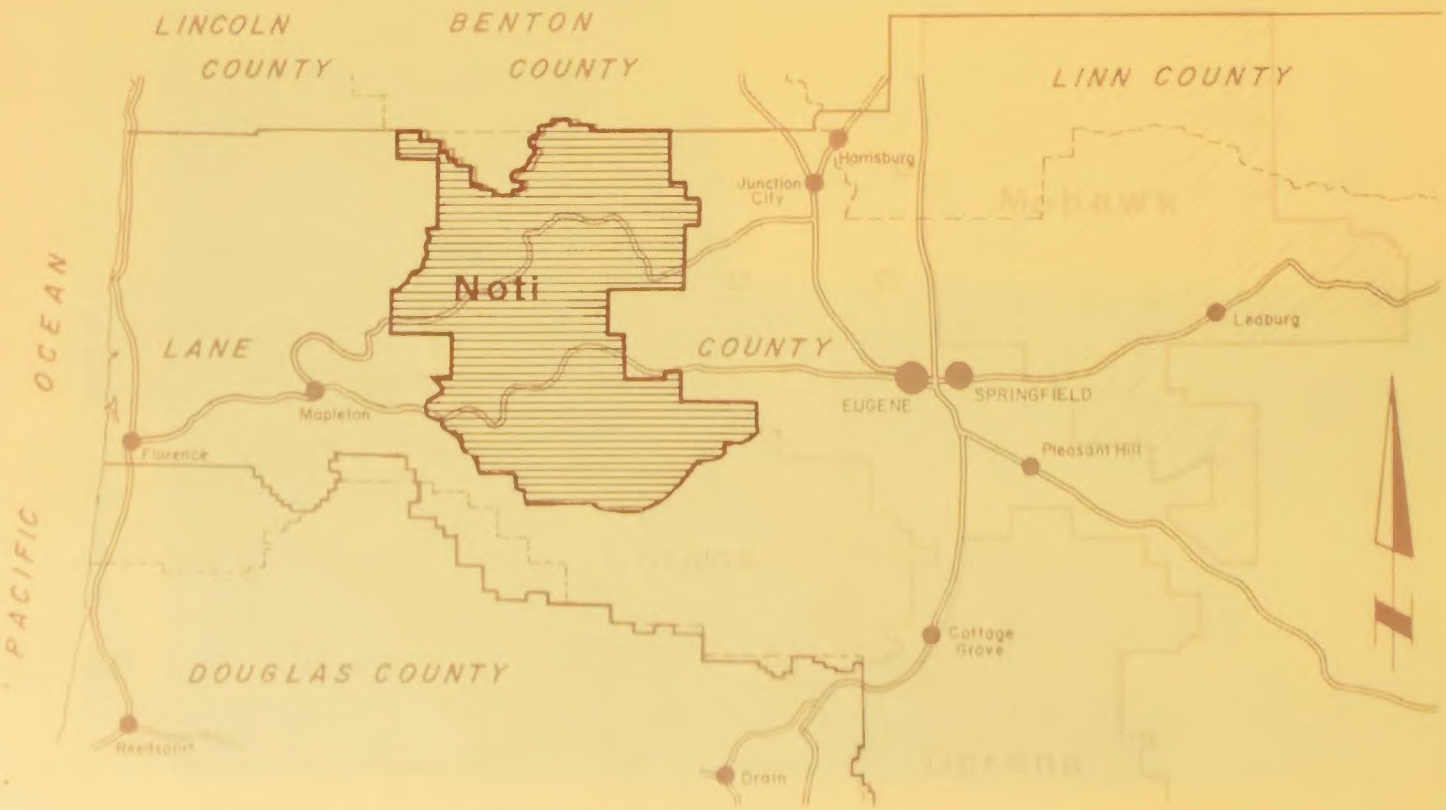
Resource Highlights:

- There is one BLM developed recreation site (Lake Creek) which receives approximately 15,000 visits per year. Hunting and fishing are also responsible for many visitor days of recreational use.

- There are 280 access roads which extend over 350 miles.

- 81,000 acres of commercial forest land furnish 50 million bd. ft. of timber per year.

- Approximately 1500 acres of cutover land have been planted each year.



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DORENA PLANNING UNIT

Location:

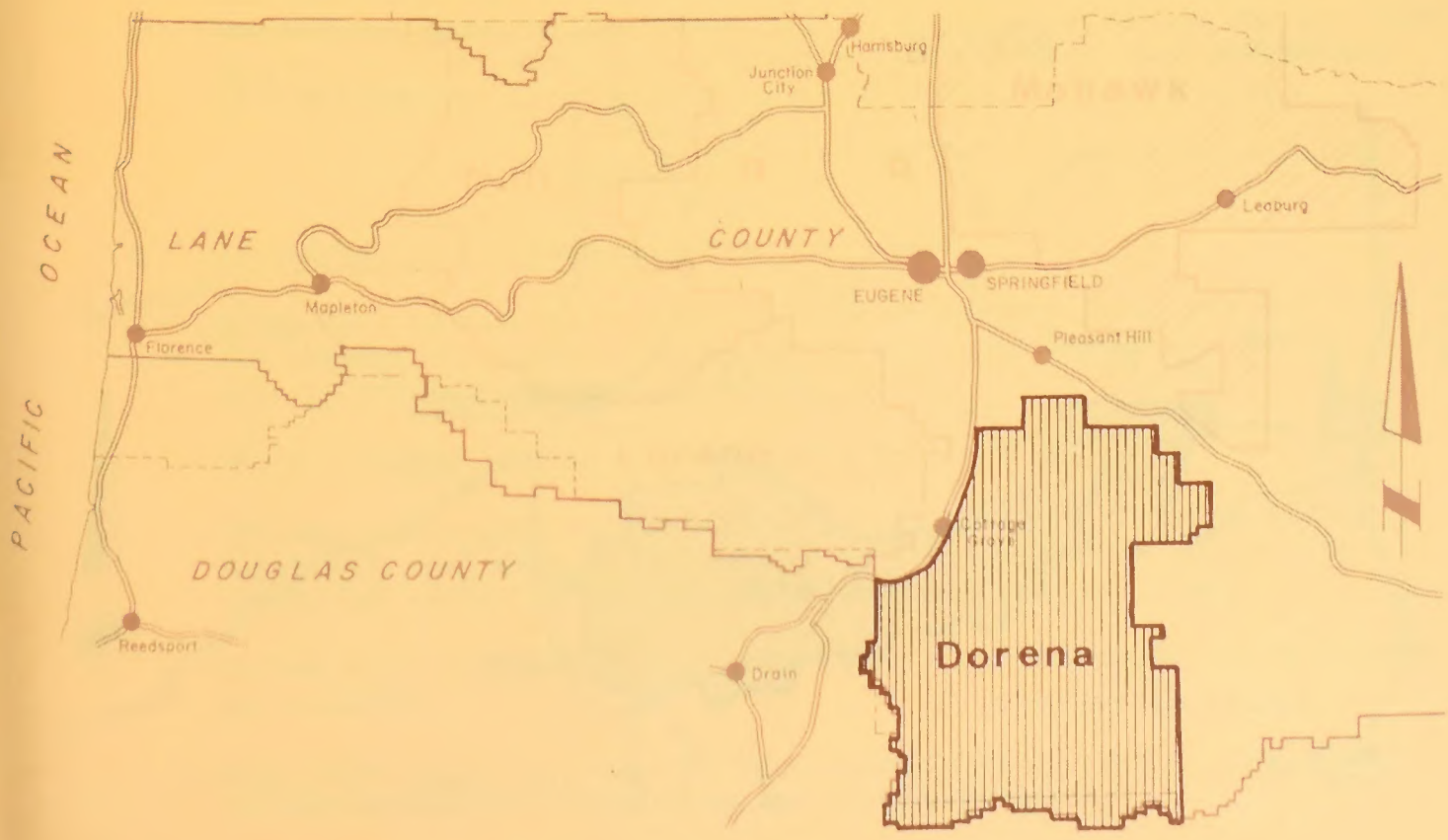
This unit covers the Southeast portion of the District and is bounded on the south and west by the Roseburg Distrct, on the east by the Umpqua National Forest and on the north by Highway 58.

Statistics:

There are 289,000 acres within the boundary of this unit of which 80,000 (28%) are public lands managed by BLM.

Resource Highlights:

- 65 million bd. ft. of timber are provided each year from 70,500 acres of commercial forest land.
- The 500 access roads in the unit cover 358 miles.
- Approximately 2200 acres of cutover land have been planted each year.
- One BLM recreation site (Sharps Creek) offers both day use and overnight camping and receives approximately 14,000 visits per year.



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LORANE PLANNING UNIT

Location:

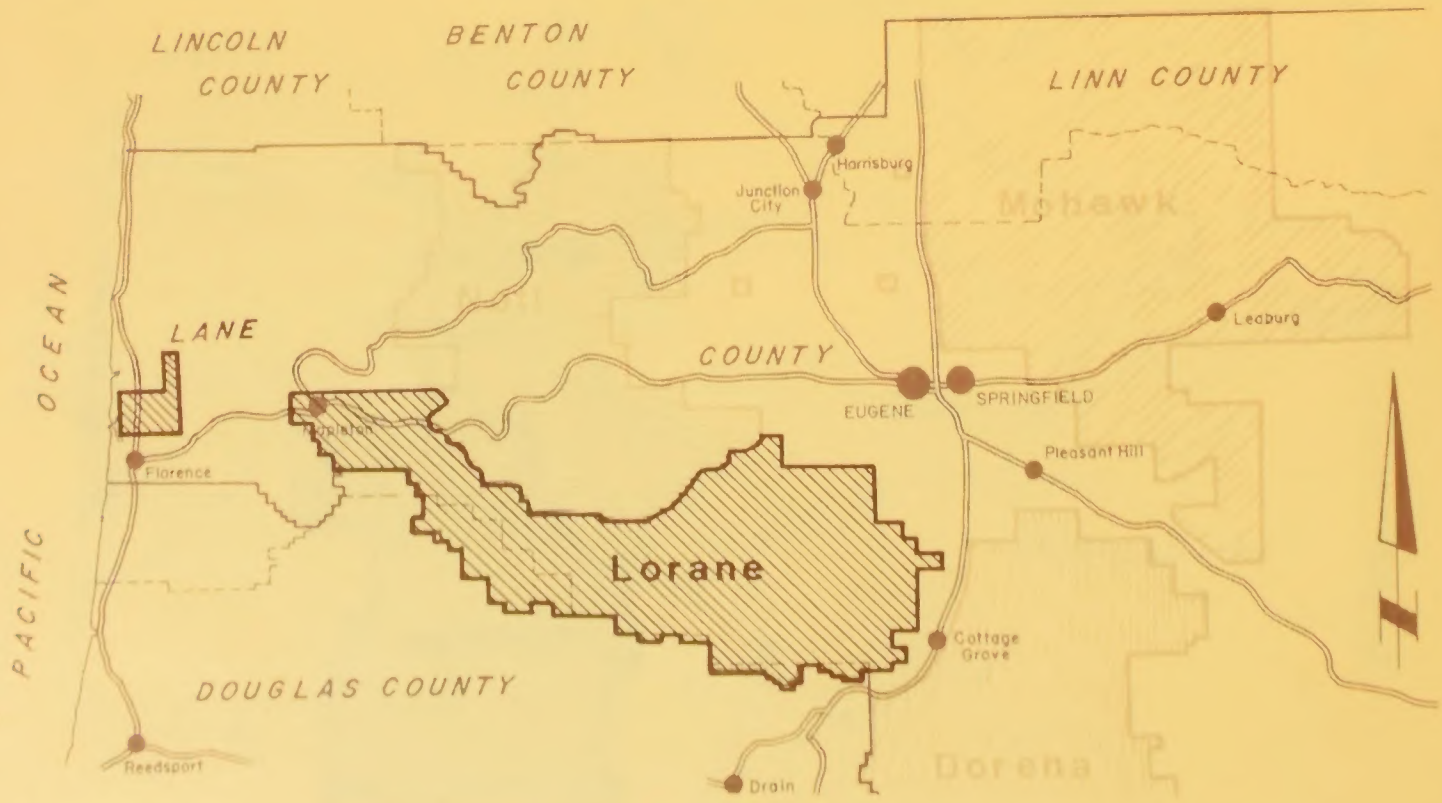
The Lorane Planning Unit is located in the Southwest part of the District and is bounded on the north by Stony Point, Timber Ridge and the Siuslaw River, on the west by the Siuslaw National Forest, on the south by Coos Bay and Roseburg BLM Districts and on the east by I-5.

Statistics:

Of 271,000 acres there are 74,000 acres (27%) of public land managed by BLM in this unit.

Resource Highlights:

- The Lorane yearly allowable cut is 60 million bd. ft. from 69,500 acres of commercial forest land.
- Access roads which number 259 extend over 320 miles.
- Approximately 2200 acres of cutover land have been planted each year.
- Four developed recreation sites (Clay Creek, Whittaker Creek, Haight Creek and Turner Creek) collectively received approximately 56,000 visits per year.



ISSUES AND CONCERNS

1. Rural Subdivision and Residental Development.

Residential development adjacent to public lands is increasing. Emerging conflicts between intensive forest management and rural residential include: scenic quality depreciation, herbicide use, siltation and logging operations.

2. Smoke Management.

Portions of the planning units fall within the Willamette Valley Airshed, an area of special designation in the State's Smoke Management Plan. Tight controls on the timing of slash burns will have an impact on Timber Management Planning.

3. Recreation Vehicle Management.

Recreation Vehicle use of dirt roads and trails causes serious problems of gully erosion and rutting when used during wet weather or on fragile sites. Additionally, use of public land for recreational vehicle purposes can involve trespass on intermingled private lands. The greatest concern is around High Pass and Low Pass roads in the Noti area; Whittaker Creek and south and east of Lorane in the Lorane area; Shotgun Recreation Site and McGowan Creek in the Mohawk Area. Infringement of the Shotgun Creek Recreation Site buffer zone and entry into the Horse Rock closed area with motorcycles is of special concern.

4. Recreation Site Development.

At Shotgun Recreation Site the current demand for group use facilities far exceeds the supply. Expansion of group use facilities appears to be appropriate in the immediate future.

There is potential for a Coburg Crest Trail.

Certain lands along the south bank of the McKenzie River; including Eagle Rock, may need to be acquired by BLM in order to protect the scenic and public recreation values inherent in these lands.

Sharps Creek Recreation Site needs vehicle parking space for picnickers and swimmers.

Lake Creek Falls is a heavily used undeveloped recreation site with visitor management, sanitation and parking problems.

5. Visual Resource Management.

Critical areas for scenery management include: Highway 36 and Lake Creek Falls, Highway 126 to the Coast, Roman Nose Mountain, the McKenzie River valley and the hills surrounding Cottage Grove, Dorena and Fall Creek Reservoirs. Another area of significant concern is the Coburg Hills as viewed from Eugene, Springfield and Interstate Highway 5.

6. Cultural Resources.

The probability that an archeological or historic site will be discovered requiring extensive mitigation is high within the Dorena and Mohawk Planning units. Because of the scarcity of known archeological sites in the Lorane and Noti areas, any new sites found will assume additional significance and may require protection.

7. Wildlife.

Intensive timber management practices are currently eliminating or seriously reducing habitat used by over 100 species of the approximately 300 species to be found in the District. Examples include the Northern spotted owl which requires 300 acres of old-growth forest to sustain one pair and the pileated woodpecker that excavates cavities in large decadent trees. Over 30 species nest or den in standing dead trees, large hollow live trees or down logs. Intensive roading and increasing human activities on these roads are having adverse impacts on several species of wildlife including Roosevelt elk.

8. Fisheries.

Sedimentation and increased water temperature resulting from timber sales may adversely affect fish. Primary fish habitat development needs include provision of adequate fish passage for salmon and steelhead.

9. Soils.

Erosion, landsliding and productivity are very significant in the management of the soil resource. Approximately 15,000 acres of fragile soils and 1,000 acres of glades and marsh land have been identified in the Dorena area. There are 24,000 acres of fragile soils in the Lorane area, 11,000 acres in the Mohawk area and 16,500 acres in the Noti area. Approximately 1.8% of the total District lands have been withdrawn from timber harvest until a later time when technology can provide a means of harvest without permanant damage.

10. Forest Products.

Continued high yields of timber is of economic concern to the community.

YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE PLANNING AREAS

Dorena • Lorane
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This brochure contains a variety of issues and concerns which we feel are important to development of a land use plan for the four planning units on the Eugene District.

What resources are of interest to you?

_____ Lands
_____ Minerals
_____ Forest Products
_____ Range
_____ Watershed
_____ Wildlife (including Fisheries)
_____ Recreation (including Cultural and Visual Resources)

What planning units are you interested in visiting, day of the week, time and would you like to attend a workshop with the staff specialists?

The material in this brochure now needs public review and comment so that all aspects of the study can be identified and included in the planning process. A space has been provided below for your comments. If this form does not meet your needs for response, please feel free to send your thoughts in a personal letter.

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Please print your name and address if you wish to be included on the mailing list.

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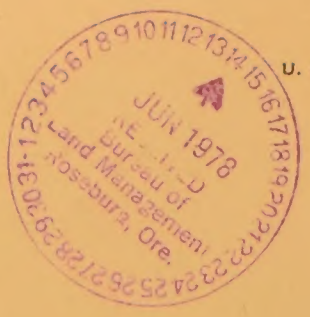

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